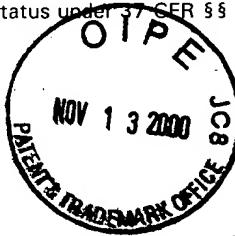


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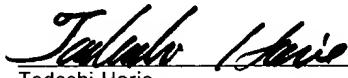
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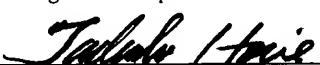
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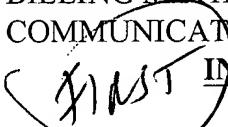
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Dear Sir:

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-captioned case the following information and references that may be relevant to the examination of the above-captioned patent application.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
(1) JP, 5-268216, A	10/15/93	Japan
(2) JP, 5-207029, A	8/13/93	Japan
(3) JP, 9-284427, A	10/31/97	Japan
(4) JP, 7-107200, A	4/21/95	Japan
(5) JP, 64-48553, A	2/23/89	Japan
(6) JP, 6-224901, A	8/12/94	Japan
(7) JP, 5-244166, A	9/21/93	Japan
(8) JP, 11-66182, A	3/9/99	Japan

Above prior art references (1)-(2) were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP99/04637, based on which the present US application has been filed. Also, prior art references (1)-(8) were cited in an Office Action issued to a counterpart Japanese patent application. For the Examiner's reference, a copy of the Japanese Office Action is attached to this statement.

The above references are all in Japanese. Applicants are submitting a translation for each of above references (2)-(8). For prior art reference (1), Applicants are submitting a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,508,817, which is a counterpart U.S. patent of prior art reference (1).

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